THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Levels reported from Andhra Pradesh projects in the Krishna Basin indicate that the levels in the first half of July, 1988, though on the low side, were not the lowest. With further inflows in recent weeks the position has considerably improved.

Plan to conserve Seasonal Flood Water

2069. SHRI SURESH KALMADI : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have any specific plans to conserve the seasonal flood waters which is a recurring phenomenon in regions like Brahmaputra and Gangetic plains, particularly in view of the drought prevalent in many areas during the last three years through linking various rivers by constructing canals and diverting the course of flow of perennial rivers;

(b) if so, the details of the outlays and expectations about the progress in coming years; and

(c) whether State Governments have been consulted in this regard and their response to implement these schemes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) to (c) Storage works are being constructed to conserve the monsoon surpluses, as a part of developmental plans of the State Government Further, national perspectives have been outlined for water resources development by construction of storages and interlinking of rivers, and studies for establishing the feasibility of the peninsular rivers development component have been taken up in consultation with the State Governments. The National Water Development Agency which has been set up for this purpose programmes to complete necessary studies for establishing the feasibility of five of the seventeen water transfer links in the seventh Plan. The approved Seventh Plan outlay for the agency is Rs. 11.00 crores.

Cag report on defective ammunition supplied by Odnance Factories

2070. SHRI RAJANI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred question 253 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 28th July, 1988 and state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been an adverse report of Comptoller and Auditor General of India (CAG) for rectification of defects in the ammunition produced by the Ordnance factories; and

(b) if so, what are the names of these Ordnance factories and the action taken by Government to prevent such type of supply from these Ordnance factories in future ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI) : (a) Yes, Sir. There are adverse comments in paragraph 76 of the report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) for the year 1986-87 in relation to a defective ammunition produced by the Ordnance factories.

(b) Ordnance Factory, Khamaria and Ordnance Factory, Chanda were involved in the filling of the said ammunition. At no stage was the cause of defects attributed to any activity in the Ordnance factories. Detailed investigations revealed that the defects had occurred due to inherent limitations of the materials specified in the design and the Experts suggested that defective pieces should be retrieved by giving a coating of "Fibre Glass Reinforced Polyester" (FRP Coating). Results of technical and user trials on stores retrieved by above mentioned method have been found satisfactory. Action to complete repairs using this method is in hand. The use of LDPF material for manufacture of the stores was stopped in 1984.